

Background

Landscape maintenance practices including vegetation removal, herbicide and insecticide application, fertilizer application, watering and other gardening and lawn care practices. All of these practices have the potential to contribute pollutants to the storm drain system.

The objectives of the landscape maintenance best management practices (BMP) are to minimize the discharge of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers to the storm drain system and waterways, prevent the disposal of landscape waste into the storm drain system and to educate the employees and the public of these BMP's.

To learn more, check the following website:

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>



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Stormwater Pollution Prevention



Landscape Maintenance

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**Only RAIN
Down the Drain**

Landscape Maintenance:

The City of Lodi is required by the State of California General Storm Water Permit to develop, implement, and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges (as defined at 40 CFR 122.26 (b)(2)) into the City storm drain system.

Illicit discharge of landscape materials, fertilizers and pesticides into the storm drain system is a serious offense, and the following penalties could be imposed.

Under Section 13385 of the California Water Code, the State of California Regional Water Quality Control Board can impose administrative civil liabilities for violations of the General Construction Permit. The maximum fine for each day of violation is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Additional Liability of up to \$10 per gallon of waste discharged, in excess of 1,000 gallons, may be assessed.

The environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also has the authority under the Clean Water Act (CWA) to impose fines of up to \$27,500 per day, and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act provides for civil and criminal penalties, which in some cases are greater than those under the CWA.



Landscape Maintenance Tips:

- Choose California native, drought resistant or low water using flowers, trees, shrubs, and groundcover.
- Manage pests by combining biological, cultural, physical, and chemical tools.
- Conduct properly timed fertilizing, weeding, pest control, and pruning to help preserve the landscapes water efficiency.
- Do not use pesticides if rain is expected.
- Use and dispose of pesticide as directed on the container label.
- If possible, use automatic timers for irrigation to minimize runoff.
- Either compost, dispose at a permitted landfill or place in your yard and garden cart leaves, sticks and other vegetation to prevent from collecting in waterways or storm drainage systems.



Learn more

Check the following websites for more stormwater information:

www.lodi.gov/stormwater
www.cabmphandbooks.com

Other Considerations:

- **DO NOT** blow or place leaves, sticks or any other vegetation into the street. Doing so could result in fines. Place all green waste in your yard & garden recycling cart.
- The only exception to placing leaves in the street is during the City's annual fall leaf collection held mid November through mid January. For more information regarding this event, please contact the City.
- All employees who handle pesticides should be familiar with the most recent material safety data sheet (MSDS) files.
- Pesticide application for hire must be under the supervision of a California qualified pesticide applicator.
- If you have an issue with excessive green waste, the City's 3-cart refuse removal system allows for up to three yard and garden carts at no additional cost.



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